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T. JACKSON,  
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Hongkong, September 20, 1887. 363

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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, September 1, 1887. 754

### Intimations.

#### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned are Sole Agents for Hongkong and Manila for the Sale of THE MONTSEERAT LIME JUICE, &c.

THE MONTSEERAT LIME JUICE CORDIALS.  
A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, May 3, 1887. 864

### J. D. KILEY, SAIL-MAKER.

TENTS, AWNINGS AND FLAGS.  
No. 23, Praya Central, HONGKONG.  
Hongkong, November 1, 1887. 2185

### NOTICE.

G. O. SMITH, WINE MERCHANT, SHANGHAI.

Agents:—NORTON & Co., MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG, October 1, 1887. 1918

## Intimations.

### WANTED.

A COMPETENT SUGAR-BOILER. Address with Reference.

—SUGAR REFINERY, FOOCHON.  
24th November, 1887. 2289

### LETTERS PATENT.

In the Matter of the Petition of FRANK ALBERT SMITH, of Steelton, in the County of Dauphin and State of Pennsylvania, United States of America, Gentleman, for Letters Patent, for the exclusive use within the Colony of Hongkong, of an Invention, for 'Improvements in Domestic and other Refrigerators and Apparatus for the Manufacture of Ice' for which Her Majesty's Royal Letters Patent were granted on the 14th day of September, 1886, to the said FRANK ALBERT SMITH.

NOTICE is HEREBY GIVEN that the Petition, Specification, and Declaration required herein by Ordinance No. 14 of 1882, have been duly filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, and that it is the intention of the said FRANK ALBERT SMITH by ALFRED BUTLER JOHNSON, his duly-authorized Agent and Attorney, to apply at the sitting of the Executive Council hereinafter mentioned for Letters Patent for the exclusive use within the said Colony of Hongkong of the above named invention.

And Notice is HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a sitting of the Executive Council, before whom the matter of said Petition will come for decision, will be held in the Council Chamber, at the Government Offices, Victoria, Hongkong, on the 30th day of November, 1887, at Noon.

FRANK ALBERT SMITH, by A. B. JOHNSON, His Agent and Attorney.

Supreme Court House, Hongkong, November 19, 1887. 2266

### PRAYA RECLAMATION SCHEME.

#### NOTICE.

MR. C. P. CHATER, having Received from the Colonial Secretary a Reply to the Representations made through him on behalf of the Marine Lot Holders, conveying to him the Final Decision of the Colonial Government on the Praya Reclamation Scheme and on the objections taken to it. Requests the MARINE LOT-HOLDERS to MEET HIM in the City Hall, on SATURDAY NEXT, the 26th Instant, at 2.30 p.m., for the purpose of considering and finally deciding on the acceptance or rejection of the Scheme.

Hongkong, November 22, 1887. 2277

### NOTICE.

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LAVINIA HOPKINS, Corner of Ningpo & Seewoon Roads, SHANGHAI. Shanghai, 1st November, 1887. 2134

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NOTICE is hereby given that Two 4 1/2 FEET NUN BUOYS have been moored, one on either side, to define the fairway between the Fish Stakes at the entrance to the anchorage Pakhoi Harbour.

The STRANGLER BUOY, entering from sea, Red, surmounted by a Green Cone pointed Black, is moored in 18 feet low water springs.

The PORT BUOY, entering from sea, Black, surmounted by Diamond Cone pointed Black, is moored in 21 feet low water springs.

There is a clear Channel 270 feet wide between these Buoys.

W. BRENNAN, Acting Harbour Master.

HENRY E. SIDFORD, Commissioner of Customs.

Custom House, Pakhoi, 16th November, 1887. 2272

## Business Notices.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

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### SUNDRIES:

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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, November 16, 1887. 2233

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Hongkong, April 1, 1887. 607

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Hongkong, September 10, 1885. 1612

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Beaded BRASS SEES and ORNAMENTS.

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VICTORIA EXCHANGE, November 17, 1887.

(TELEPHONE 21). 2241

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Hongkong, October 8, 1887. 1904

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY, the 26th November, 1887, at 2 p.m., at No. 7, GAGE STREET,—

THE WHOLE OF THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., (Mostly American-made), comprising:—

AMERICAN-MADE SOLID WALNUT CHIMNEY and BLUE VELVET COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE (quite new), SHAKESPEARE CENTRE TABLE, and TRAY.

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AMERICAN-MADE WALNUT DOBBLE BEDSTEAD, TEAKWOOD WARDROBE with PLATE GLASS DOORS, and CHEVAL GLASS.

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&c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, November 22, 1887. 2274

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY, the 28th November, 1887, at Noon, at the Godowns of Messrs. TURNER & Co., Praya,—

200 SHIELDS with GROUPS of FLAGS, and

About 3,000 FLAGS and BANNERS, lately used in the Jubilee Celebration.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, November 23, 1887. 2284

### FOR SALE.

#### FOR SALE.

THE BRITISH STEAMER ATHOL, of 1,436 Tons Gross, 922 Tons Net Register, and 170 H.P., with all her FACKLE, APPLIES, and APPURTENANCES, as she now lies in this Harbour.

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Hongkong, October 31, 1887. 2120

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JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

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Hongkong, July 18, 1884. 1187

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#### TO BE LET.

SUITE of ROOMS fronting the Praya and Pender's Street upon the Ground Floor of Building recently occupied by Messrs. MELCHERS & Co.

These Premises are well adapted for OFFICES or STORES.

ROOMS on the First and Second Floors of Marine House.

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Apply to SHARP & Co., Estate Agents, Marine House.

Hongkong, October 17, 1887. 2025

### TO BE LET.

WITH Possession on the 1st January, 1888. A HOUSE in RICHMOND TERRACE.

Apply to MR. WILLMOTT, Hongkong Dispensary.

Hongkong, November 8, 1887. 2159

### TO LET.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, May 25, 1887. 504

### TO LET.

BAXTER HOUSE, WEST; BONHAM ROAD, 8 ROOMS. Early Possession.

Apply to A. SETH.

Hongkong, November 22, 1887. 2278

### TO BE LET.

(With Immediate Possession.) TWO DESIRABLE RESIDENCES situated in China Road, West, and Terrace opposite to Rose Villas.

Apply to No. 14, CANAL ROAD.

Hongkong, October 31, 1887. 2130

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

#### OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-CHOW, TIENSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship Menelaus, Captain NELSON, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 26th Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, November 24, 1887. 2248

#### NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR BATAVIA, SAMARANG AND SOERABAYA, VIA SAIGON AND SINGAPORE.

The Co.'s Steamship Borneo, Capt. WILKENS, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 26th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 24, 1887. 2286

#### INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for CHEFOO, TIENSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship Fookien, Captain HOLT, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 26th Instant, at 4 p.m.

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Hongkong, November 24, 1887. 2276

#### OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-CHOW, TIENSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship Priam, Captain BUTLER, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 26th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, November 18, 1887. 2249

#### THE BEN LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE AND LONDON.

The British Steamer Zealandia, Capt. WERTER, will be despatched as above on or about SATURDAY, the 26th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 25, 1887. 2291

#### EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND ADELAIDE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through cargo to NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

The Steamship Airie







After a pretty long period of rest, the pirates who pursue their unlawful calling along this coast have burst into activity. The other day we reported the pirating of a junk off Cape d'Agulhar, and now we hear that two passenger-boats, which were taking a number of the passengers to the Jubilee demonstration and their rich robes back to the neighbouring mainland, were boarded by a piratical junk, one of the holismen killed and all the passengers stripped of their clothes and valuables. Such incidents will, we fear, be multiplied unless more energetic measures are taken to hunt down the piratical junks. The only way of sweeping them from the shores of the Colony and preventing their injury which they do to our trade is to keep a sharp look out for these rascals along the whole coast line of the island. It will be remembered that last year from November on to the Chinese New Year scarcely a week elapsed without a case of piracy being reported. We trust that the same thing will not happen again; but we fear that unless the police use the means at their disposal more effectively, we will see a repetition of last year's history. The police have got a splendid launch at their disposal, the *Charles May*, for patrolling the coast, but unless she be engaged on a Sunday for a picnic, she is seldom seen away from Tim Tui. It is not right that a good launch of this sort should be idle, when there is plenty of work for her to do.

The Parisians have evidently determined that M. Grévy must go. He has failed to set his house in order and allowed the grossest abuses to creep in. There is no one but will feel some sympathy for the aged President. He has succeeded in retaining his position longer than any of his predecessors, having been twice chosen almost unanimously for the high office of Chief Magistrate of the Republic; and until the recent scandals were brought to light, all parties, except the Irreconcilables, would have received his resignation with deep regret, if not with fear. M. Grévy, however, must have for some time back held the reins of Government very loosely; and his son-in-law, M. Wilson, a man whom few ever cared to trust, has taken advantage of that looseness to engage in a scandalous system of fraud. The result of his conduct will likely be to force his father-in-law to descend from the Presidential chair, with a cloud over his head—a rather sad ending to the career of one who, throughout a long and successful political life, has always been regarded as among the most straightforward and disinterested of French politicians. The President of the Republic is elected for seven years. M. Grévy was re-elected in December 1885—only two years ago—so that there are still five years of his term of office to run. Government in France is not very stable at the best; but if a crisis is brought about just now by the resignation of the President, the peace of Europe might be endangered. General Boulanger is still a power in the land, if not a greater power than ever; and there is a pretty strong opinion in France that these scandals, which were proved, it is said, for the purpose of overthrowing him, may prove the means of paving his way to the Presidential chair.

H.M.S. *Katler*, from Labuan, arrived at Manila on the 10th inst.

It is said that the Japanese Government has declined to send exhibits to the Universal Scientific and Industrial Fair which is to be held in Belgium next year, on the ground that they would not be able to make preparations in time. *Japan Gazette*.

It is stated in the Japanese native papers that the French Government has requested the Japanese Government to dispatch some military officials to examine and report on the ground that they would not be able to make preparations in time. *Japan Gazette*.

The *Choya Shimbun* states that Mr. John Alexander, a late Professor of English in the College of Engineering, Tokyo, who is now in British Columbia, is reported to have presented a memorial to the Japanese Government recommending emigration from Japan to British Columbia, and advising the Government to establish a consulate there.

The *Hu pao* says:—The bed of the old southern course of the Yellow River being too high, the current cannot possibly be taken into it even in the present bed. It is necessary to dig it out, and the Government has determined to re-conduct the river north through Shantung. The authorities of Chihli and Shantung have accordingly been instructed to excavate with all speed, in readiness for next year's spring freshets.

The *N. O. Daily News* of 21st inst. says:—The *Albatross*, *Adonis*, and *Wanderer*, with Admiral Hamilton, are expected at Wonsung tomorrow, and the fleet goes down to-day or to-morrow to take them there. The *Wanderer* will probably come up to Shanghai for a day, after which the *Adonis* will proceed to Nagasaki to dock, the *Albatross* and *Wanderer* will make the best of their way to Hongkong, and the *Albatross* will take Admiral Hamilton southward, calling at the coast ports en route.

There is this Colony will regret to hear of the death of Mr. John Beaman, C.B., Assistant Under Secretary in the Colonial Office, and formerly Attorney General of Hongkong. He went out to Queensland in 1859 as private Secretary to Sir George Bowen, and afterwards became Attorney General and member of the Legislative Assembly of that Colony. In 1873 he was appointed Attorney General of Hongkong and acted as a judge of the Supreme Court from February to May 1874. He left the Colony in 1879 on receiving the appointment of Assistant Under Secretary of State in the Colonial Office.

The *Japan Gazette* says:—A report has been circulated in town to-day that the S. S. *Batavia* has been lost near Hongkong, with loss of life. We have been unable to substantiate the report, but have reason to believe that there is some foundation for the rumour. We need not add that there could have been no foundation whatever for the rumour, but the inventive genius of some highly imaginative residents of Yokohama.

Here is a sample of a Tokin tradesman's business announcement in English as he is written by some of the ambitious youth of the Capital. It can assure our readers it is not meant for a communique.

I stand of thinking, this ticket only P. 10.00 is to be paid to the public, and every one who will brought this ticket, to my shop, will be claimed their old or new, especially with the half of the price.

Trade Shop, Hoshino. No. 6. Takekawa-chiobashi. Tokio.

The *Jiji Shimpō* hears from Coran that some days ago a British man-of-war entered the port of Fusan and surveyed the coast near the Japanese Residency, where about 4,000 fathoms have been granted by permission of the government to the Japanese for commercial purposes, and that this was shortly after followed by the arrival of a Russian man-of-war on a similar errand. It is stated that the coast surveyed by the British and Russian men-of-war is a most important position commercially and politically.

It is probable that the extraordinary quality of the China crop last season, combined with the unusually low price, gave a fillip to cultivation up to the end of September 1886. Though the trade took nearly 10 millions of pounds per month during the period from 1st June to 30th September, 1886, the deliveries of China Opium after that date were only at the rate of 84 millions to end of the season. This year instead of continuing and continuing at 10 millions from 1st June to 31st December, we have started with only 8 millions per month, while the rise in the China tea as so marked that they are very dear in comparison with Indian and Ceylon, and the monthly quantity delivered to end of December is only 10 millions. In the Indian and Ceylon tea taken together, the rate of delivery in the same period has been 7 million pounds per month against 54 of last year. This increase is not likely to diminish while Assam Souphons are quoted as low as 54 c. per lb. *N. O. Daily News*.

While the extended cultivation of the poppy in China is at length creating serious inconvenience to the Indian opium trade, it does not appear so far to have prejudicially affected the opium market in Persia. Recent Consular reports state that the cultivation of the poppy in Persia of late years has greatly extended, that no attention is given to the preparation of the drug than was formerly the case, and that its quality has consequently improved and the demand increased. The yearly crop of opium in Persia is estimated at 332 millions, and the cultivation and preparation of the drug are said to give employment to a very large part of the population of the district. The annual exportation of Persian opium is stated to amount to 2,300 cases, which are valued at 2,170,000. About half of the export is sent to London, the other moiety to Hongkong. There must be some special quality in the Persian drug to attract the English market, for we believe a very small quantity of Indian opium is sent to England. *Indian Agriculture*.

The *Future of China Teas*—The *Whitehall Review* says:—A war between the supporters of India and Indian and Ceylon teas is beginning. Owing chiefly to its comparative lowness in price and purity, the Indian tea has been the most successful in the market. The tea from the London market, the tea-gardens of India and Ceylon are, however, not extensive enough to supply the world with tea, and in our opinion, China tea has only to be more carefully planted and fired to insure its regaining its former position. There is a hint in the *Whitehall Review* that the tea from India and Ceylon is just as there is about the tea grown in Japan—which does not make very palatable drink, though a mixture of Indian and China teas makes a capital beverage. The price of China teas in the retail shops in this country has certainly been lowered of late years, but the quality has not improved, the ordinary tea-drinker may have noticed it. It will take years, if indeed, it ever comes to pass—until Indian and Ceylon teas, by themselves, gain a supremacy. The Chinese will have to reduce the export taxes on tea sooner or later, and the sooner the better for their own country. The tea-drinker will be enabled to obtain a more palatable and pure tea, and the tea trade will be more firmly established, and the good old days of China teas may be revived.

The *RECREATION OF THE BRITISH SOLDIER*.—The following appears in General Orders:—The Commander-in-Chief in India has the pleasure to announce that the Government of India have approved of a scheme, by which the various regimental institutions connected with the recreation of the British soldier will be placed on a more comfortable and improved basis. The Government will be recommended, and will be joined to the coffee shops, the two together forming a refreshment department. Additional accommodation will be allotted to the combined institution, and the arrangement as to furniture, etc., will be such as to enable the soldier to obtain a more comfortable and improved basis. The Government will be recommended, and will be joined to the coffee shops, the two together forming a refreshment department. Additional accommodation will be allotted to the combined institution, and the arrangement as to furniture, etc., will be such as to enable the soldier to obtain a more comfortable and improved basis.

CRICKET.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB v. THE GARRISON. This match was begun at 2.15 p.m. to-day. The Club having won the toss went first to the wickets, sending in F. Maitland and Grimble to the bowling of Smith and Graham. No stand of any length was made, and the whole team were disposed of for the moderate total of 83. F. Maitland 23, Sparrow 18, and Dawson 11 were the only batsmen who got into double figures. Smith secured 6 wickets for 36 runs, and Graham 3 for 41. The Gar-


risson made a very good start, the first 3 wickets putting on 74 runs, but after this, things did not go so well and by five they had lost 7 wickets for 92 runs. Graham 16, Higginbottom 17, Scanlan 22, being the largest contributors. The match will be continued at 11 a.m. to-morrow; and during the afternoon the Band of the Northamptonshire Regiment will play the following programme:—

1. March. 2. Dances. 3. Polka. 4. Valse. 5. Cornet. 6. Miss M. A. Mamar. 7. Polka. 8. Cornet. 9. Valse. 10. Cornet. 11. Polka. 12. Cornet. 13. Valse. 14. Cornet. 15. Polka. 16. Cornet. 17. Valse. 18. Cornet. 19. Polka. 20. Cornet. 21. Valse. 22. Cornet. 23. Polka. 24. Cornet. 25. Valse. 26. Cornet. 27. Polka. 28. Cornet. 29. Valse. 30. Cornet. 31. Polka. 32. Cornet. 33. Valse. 34. Cornet. 35. Polka. 36. Cornet. 37. Valse. 38. Cornet. 39. Polka. 40. Cornet. 41. Valse. 42. Cornet. 43. Polka. 44. Cornet. 45. Valse. 46. Cornet. 47. Polka. 48. Cornet. 49. Valse. 50. Cornet. 51. Polka. 52. Cornet. 53. Valse. 54. Cornet. 55. Polka. 56. Cornet. 57. Valse. 58. Cornet. 59. Polka. 60. Cornet. 61. Valse. 62. Cornet. 63. Polka. 64. Cornet. 65. Valse. 66. Cornet. 67. Polka. 68. Cornet. 69. Valse. 70. Cornet. 71. Polka. 72. Cornet. 73. Valse. 74. Cornet. 75. Polka. 76. Cornet. 77. Valse. 78. Cornet. 79. Polka. 80. Cornet. 81. Valse. 82. Cornet. 83. Polka. 84. Cornet. 85. Valse. 86. Cornet. 87. 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## SHIPPING IN CHINA, JAPAN

**PHILIPPINES, AND SIAM  
WATERS**

  
**WHAMPOA.**  
*Vessel's Name.      Flag & Ho.      Destination.*  
 Amoy      Brit.      str. Hongkong  
 Foofooang      Brit.      str. Shanghai  
 Norden      Dan.      str.      "  
**AMOY.**  
 In port on November 18, 1887.  
**MERCHANT STEAMERS.**  
 Denlawers      British

Borneo	Dutch
Zafro	British
MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.	
Centaur	Ger. bog.

Christian	Ger.	sch.
D. Barrow	Ger.	sch.
Mohawk	Brit.	bqe.
Oscar Mooyer	Ger.	bqe.
Sibiren	Ger.	bqe.
Solidor	Brit.	bqe.

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**FOOCHOW.**

In port on November 12, 1887.

**MERCHANT STEAMERS.**

Fuyew	Chinese
Waiting	Chinese

**MERCHANT TRADING VESSELS.**  
 Emilie                      Norw. sch.  
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**SHANGHAI.**  
 In port on November 16, 1887.  
**MERCHANT STEAMERS.**  
 Benlawers              British  
 Deucalion              British

Hampshire	British	
Kiang-teen	Chinese	Hankow, &c.
Kiang-yung	Chinese	
Kung-wo	British	
Kung-chi	Chinese	
Leeyuen	Chinese	

Malwa	British	
Natal	French	
Preussen	German	
Storo Nordiske	Danish	
Tokio Maru	Japanese	Kobe
W. C. de Vries	British	Hankow, &c

MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.

Marla Berg	Ger.	bq.
Penshaw	Brit.	bq.

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TIENTSIN.

In Port on November 12, 1887.

Perle	Brit.	bq.
W. Siegfried	Brit.	bq.

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NAGASAKI.

In port on November 16, 1887.

Kozaki Maru	Japan.	bq.
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HIogo.

In port on November 14, 1887.

Claro Babuyan Brit.	bgs.
John Charter Amer.	sh.
W. G. Davis Amer.	sh.

YOKOHAMA.	
In port on November 11, 1887.	
Don Enrique	Brit. bge.
Fearless	Ger. cut.
Honauwar	Brit. sh.
N. Reid	
Amer. sch.	
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MANILA.	
In port on November 15, 1887.	
Anastasia	Brit. sh.
Benj. T. Hunt	Amer. bge.
Defensor	Norw. bg.
Drumellan	Brit. sh.
Formosa	Brit. sh.
F. B. Tayler	Brit. sh.
F. Abbey	Amer. bge.
Herat	Brit. sh.
Uabes Howes	Amer. sh.
Mary L. Stone	Amer. sh.

Nagpore	Brit.	sh.
Nomad	Amer.	bqa.
Strattonia	Brit.	bqa.

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**BANGKOK.**

In port on November 2, 1887.

C. Tuffenbury	Swed.	bqa.
Glida	Norw.	bqa.
Fortune	Stam.	bg.
T. Bismarck	Ger.	bg.

Phanra. Dut. sch.  
Kim Chye Seng Siam. bqe.  
Linda. Ital. han.

Long Hin Siam. bg.  
Noddleburn Brit. bqs.

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